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WILSON AND CURRY.

\$7.50 per head.
The Agricultural and Scientific Schools will yet free Kansas of her gloom and her land will grow rich as her butter gets golden.

Secretary Wilson disclosed that the American people were paying foreign countries annually \$100,000,000 for atmosphere! This comes about from our enormous annual purchase of sugar, which being a production from nitrogenous plants (chiefly the beet) draws its sustenance for the most part from the atmosphere.

His lecture was too long to give more than a meagre detail, suffice it to say he seems the right man in the right place, a man catholic in his ideas, whose greatest ambition is to see general prosperity come to every tiller of the soil, since through him it must radiate to every vocation of life.

Dr. Curry then addressed the audience, confining his remarks chiefly to the students. He dwelt upon no particular subject, but with a few well chosen remarks demonstrated to them the possibilities of life, its purposes, its possibilities, its results. He told them that life consisted not in making a financial success of every effort, but of giving to the world an example of an upright, moral life, for to such men must our country look for succor in time of need, the needs of the present, the needs of the future when bribery and political corruption of municipalities, would endeavor to leave the cradles of their birth and corrupt the virtue of our nation. He exhorted every one to have a purpose in life, to resolve to be something besides a mere number in the census book of creation, strive to produce something however small, in order that he might feel that he had not lived in vain, and that the world had gained something by his having lived.

Every student feels a better man for having heard these distinguished gentlemen and every one will treasure deep some lesson he has learned from their wise sayings.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The meeting last Sunday was conducted by Prof. Duggar. His talk set us to thinking; what a revolution there would be in the christian world if people would only stop to think! A man can not live a christian life as long as he just drifts along. No man lives right unless he determines to do so. Then to do this we must look about us, consider whither we are drifting and if our ways are not acceptable to the Lord; then arise and go in the right direction. To our minds there is nothing so beautiful as a christian life. The joys of a christian man are infinitely far beyond the comprehension of the world. These well repay him for all the temptations of life. These are really the only things that make life worth living, or I might say the principles of a christian man permeating the world are the only things which make life possible.

A great day will dawn for the Association when all its members so live that others will be constrained to put on the Christian robe. We would not have you set your light upon a towering mountain-top, but do take it out from under the bushel. Let your christianity be known. Let it illuminate the immediate circle around you. If your associates are not Christ-like, let them feel the warm christian impulses which move your heart. This quicker than any thing else will pierce the cloud of darkness around them and cause the sun of righteousness to illuminate their souls.

When the Circus Came to Town.

Yes, Auburn has had a show. She came in wagons through the country. No gorgeous street parade heralded her coming, but her flaming posters reflected a red glare over the town for a week before the show arrived. What did they have? Well we don't know as we didn't go. This circus didn't seem to have heard of the "power of the press," since it did not give the "Orange and Blue" a pass. In consequence of which we feel it our bounden duty to run that show down, and would do so if we could find anything to cuss out. One of the boys who went, upon being questioned as to what sort of a show it was replied about as follows:

"Darned if I know, I couldn't find out."

"Did they have a giraff?"

"No, they said they had one but didn't bring him because they were afraid he would eat the currents off the electric wires and damage the Electrical department of the A. & M. C."

"Did they have any monkeys?"

"I never saw but one, and he was bob-tailed. They said they had a lot more but thought they would better not bring them, out of respect to the college boys."

"I don't understand, how is that?"

"Well, the balance of them were tail-bearers and they were afraid they would tell yarns on the boys and get them into trouble."

"What sort of an elephant did they have?"

"Don't know, they wouldn't show him."

"Why?"

"He had lost his trunk, and consequently could not appear in public."

"What in the name of gracious did they have then?"

"All I saw was a bob-tailed monkey, a yellow dog, and a wooden legged man and I had to pay 25 cents for that. Why that circus breaks you worse than a church festival, or a baby show!"

Eighty-five professors of Cornell University have written and published during 1896-97, about 600 books and articles. The greater part were written in English, with a few in French and in German. Some were written in Swedish and one in modern Greek. Not one of them was fiction.

BASEBALL OUTLOOK.

FOR ONCE IN THIS HISTORY IS FLATTERING.

The Student Body is Determined to Make '98 a Successful Season.

Now that football is a thing of the past, not only at Auburn but all over this country, our baseball cranks are beginning to feel around in search of prospects upon which to build hopes.

And too, the outlook is not at all discouraging. It is true that we have lost Williams, Holcombe, Nelson, Mason and Jones, all of whom were star players in their respective positions, but then these men could not remain with us for ever. There is not a college team in the south or even in this whole country that does not experience great loss each year. This being the case why are we not at present on equal footing with any of our rival teams? We have back a nucleus of our nine of '97 and by no means were these men the weaker portion of the team. There is Boyd Pettus, Kyser, Smith, Allen, McQueen and Minge left with us, all whom, as every old man knows are hard conscientious workers, even willing to exert their utmost for the good of the team, always on the ground promptly for practice, obedient to their Captain at all times, and in fact just such material as we need and if it were possible to duplicate them we could ask for nothing better.

You will ask is this all? Do you expect these men to make up a varsity? By no means, for it seems that at last instead of Auburn's getting all football men and no baseball players, we have, strange to say for once in our history brought together a goodly number of men whom we know to be firstclass baseball men. Everyone of them has a brilliant chance for the team and it will be well for the old men to look to their laurels else when Auburn's team is selected they will have escaped them entirely or be laid to rest by the brilliancy of some new constellation.

Of the new men in college this season we can speak for the following as being willing to assist Auburn in raising aloft a victorious banner upon the diamond next spring. Sloan, Foy, E. A. Miller Skeggs, McDade, Thomson, Brown C. C., Martin R. M., Anderson W. L., Bullard W. G., McKinley, Peters Simmons, C. Nichet, and S. J. Jones. Of course there are a number of others of whom as yet we know nothing, but the class games will bring them out, and doubtless this number will be doubled.

For a second time you might ask if these are all. Have you forgotten those men of last year who held positions on our second team, and whose good work developed Auburn's Varsity a hundred per cent? So I have but to mention the

names of Glenn, Brown B. E., Merriweather, Allen J. A., Gray, Bush, Vischer, Forbes, Stewart C. W., Stewart W. L., Harralson and Peabody and you can but call to mind the goodwork they put up, and it will be found this season that in more cases than one this work will be recorded.

Is there any thing else over which we should feel elated? Yes indeed. For what is a team without good management, and a Captain upon whom we can rely at all times. Such men, through the wise council of the Advisory Board and the remnant of last years team have been placed in these positions.

As for manager, Joseph too much cannot be said of his ability to carry on the business of the team. Every body knows Edd and his accepting the position has strengthened our chance to a great extent. His past experience in the capacity of Business Manager speaks for itself. He is a hard worker, and you may wager your all that he will make by far the best manager that any Auburn Athletic team ever had.

Captain Boyd needs no introduction into base-ball circles. He is too well known upon our diamond to even need words of praise for last season he made a reputation of which he should always be proud. Truly we have the right man in the right place this time, for he was not only a brilliant player but decidedly one of the most popular men that ever donned an Auburn uniform. His election has insured a victorious term, one which every man will make only by superiority, for we all know Captain Boyd to be too honorable and upright to show partiality in any instance.

When the class games begin next term, let every man who knows anything at all about the game come out and show what is in him. If you know how to play ball you should come out not only because it is a pleasure to yourself, but a duty you owe your college mates. And to you men who can not play ball. Show your sympathy for the game, encourage the Captain and Manager by endeavoring at all times to assist them in their work. Show your appreciation of what they are doing for you, and then it will be a pleasure for them to labor in your behalf. We should all pull together and strive to uphold the brilliant record that our football eleven began. But to do this every one will have to work, and work with a will.

An effort is being made to secure an appropriation from the Georgia legislature to establish and maintain a gymnasium at the University of Georgia.

Yale won the annual debate from Harvard at New Haven, Dec. 3. The question was a direct wording favoring the annexation of Hawaii, Harvard holding the affirmative. This is Yale's third victory to Harvard's five.

MANUFACTURES, DAIRY PRODUCTS

And the Practical Applications of the Sciences as Taught in Our Scientific Schools are Alabama's Safeguards for the Future.

If, as Rufus Sanders says, "The hand that spans the baby is the hand that makes the biscuits," equally true is it, as Secretary of Agriculture Jas. Wilson and Dr. Curry demonstrated to us last Wednesday morning in two able lectures, that the brain and brawn directed towards the development of the sciences, especially along the lines of agriculture, are the present bulwarks of our nation's prosperity and the anchor of her future hopes.

Secretary Wilson was the first speaker, and throughout the entire length of his discourse he held the wrapt attention of his large audience by the entertaining and graphic manner in which he treated his subject. He drew a striking parallel between Alabama's present economical condition and that of the states of Iowa, (his home) Montana and Kansas.

Alabama being bound to her one crop, that of cotton, has exhausted herself, further depleting herself by shipping away her cotton seed to other countries to be converted into rich cream and butter as a feed for their dairy cows, while the countries to which it is shipped derive increased production from this rich manurial element. What Alabama needs is for the scientists to take advantage of these facts and convert these products into beef and butter of our own. The province of the Agricultural School is to produce these scientists.

Iowa is just now awakening to the brilliant prospects disclosed to her by the men educated in her State Agricultural School, and now instead of depending for revenue upon her one crop, that of grain, she is converting it into fine beef cattle and dairy products for which no. Bull pays her a handsome price. This has been accomplished by means of this scientific renaissance, which bids fair to spread over our whole country giving new life to her stagnant energies wherever they may be found. Montana's horses have an average value of less than \$10 per head. What Montana needs is men who understand the horse's physical construction, and the feed necessary to produce horses of the best quality. The scientific school by giving Montana skilled veterinarians, will soon lift the financial pall from her face and the rays of prosperity will illumine the fields of sleek, fat horses that would excite the envy of the ancient Arabs. Kansas through lack of scientific knowledge is caring for dairy cows whose average production of dairy products is less than

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College Y. M. C. A., Sunday 3 p. m., Y. M. C. A. Hall, College Building.

The expressions "college spirit" "class spirit" and "athletic spirit" may often be heard about our campus, and seen promiscuously in our exchanges, and in college journals. But there is one expression which is conspicuous by its absence, and that expression is "literary spirit." What does this mean? It surely does not mean that the very purpose for which most of our colleges were founded is now being ignored!

If one would but take the trouble to read between the lines this might portray more than he suspects. Has that spirit which, more than all else, has placed our government upon its present exalted basis—a spirit which permeated the lives of its founders, as seen in the writings of Madison, Calhoun, Clay, Jefferson, and Paine begun to decline? We are loath to believe this, and would be glad to hear the opinions of our leading educators on this subject. If the spirit of literature is indeed on a decline let

those upon whom this responsibility rests make haste to create a revived interest in that which more than all else marks a nation's progress.

Home Topics.

Never before in the history of Auburn has there been so much petty thieving and robbery, than has taken place during the past few weeks. It is no surprise however, when one takes into consideration the number of shiftless, lazy negroes, that daily congregate on our streets. But, notwithstanding, many of the good citizens of the community close their eyes to this visible source of mischief, and whenever they miss turkeys, sugar cane, etc., immediately ejaculate—"College boys!" Now, I believe in "giving the devil his due," but in so many of these cases where the boys are so palpably innocent, it is but justice that we call a truce to these innuendoes that are unjustly applied to our students. If some of these somnolent victims of Ethiopian covetousness would only devote a portion of their attention toward arousing the latent energies of their municipal authorities, they would soon find that their accusations are invariably misplaced.

The average college boy has a good heart, and when an opportunity presents itself to do some one a kindness, it is generally cheerfully performed. At the fire last Thursday evening the gallant work of the boys excited much favorable comment, and showed that in the moment of need they are not sparing with their services. Not only did they remove the furniture, etc., from the house that was so dangerously threatened, but, realizing the helplessness of the old lady who lived there alone, they cheerfully carried back all of the articles into the house, and assisted as much as was possible in restoring order. Such deeds as these are commendable and betray kindly hearts under the coats of gray.

While extolling the virtues of many, yet we must not condone the faults of the few. Some two or three of the boys seem to have forgotten the old saying—"Fools' names like fools faces, are always seen in conspicuous places,"—judging from the names written on the walls and other places. When a boy is old and matured enough to come to college he is certainly old enough to know better than to mark with chalk on the walls, cut desks, etc. Let the offenders remember that by each such childish action, he places himself that much farther from the goal that he is sent here to attain—manhood and wisdom.

Have you ever noticed the wretched condition into which our sprinting track is falling? After all the money, trouble and labor expended in its construction, it is a positive shame that it should now be allowed to go to naught. It is true there are no sprinters just at present, but then the bicyclists get enough pleasure out of it to take a little interest in its preservation. If done at once, it can be put in first-class condition at little cost, but if neglected until spring it will have to be virtually rebuilt at considerable cost. Students should not rely upon the Professors for every detail of college sports and life.

What is the matter with the Glee Club? With over three hundred students in college surely there are

enough who are musically inclined to perfect some kind of organization. In previous years we have always had creditable clubs of this kind, that reflected honor and credit on our institution. Wake up, ye that have music in your souls, and get up another Glee Club that will surpass all preceding ones for excellence and merit.

Noticing a diminutive Freshman coming along the street the other day, wearing an orange sweater with the letter "A" on the breast, reminded me of a seemingly obsolete law of the Athletic Advisory Board. It is probably not known to the new men, but such a law does exist, that no one, except Varsity men and substitutes of the different college teams, has a right to wear the "A" on his sweater. This may seem hard to some, but nevertheless is a good rule, being in force at all the leading schools. Let it be revived and actively enforced by the Athletic Advisory Board so that our hard-working Varsity men will have the satisfaction that they only can wear this mark of honorable distinction.

College News.

A correspondence course is offered by the West Virginia University, but no degrees are given unless examinations upon the work are passed at the University.

\$13,000 of the necessary \$50,000 has been raised for the purpose of erecting the John Randolph Tucker Memorial hall at Washington and Lee University.

The Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania is to have a new building immediately. It will contain lecture rooms and library, and will cost \$300,000.

The Ohio Wesleyan University has received a bequest from the late Stephen Watson of \$35,000 for the endorsement of a professorship.

Geo. M. Pullman left \$1,200,000 for a manual training school in the town of Pullman.

The West Virginia University will perhaps hold continuous session, the session being divided into terms of twelve weeks each with a vacation of one week between terms.

Cornell University has granted 4,304 degrees of 47 distinct kinds, 3,014 of these were granted since 1887. Only two are honorary.

Lehigh University has adopted the honor system in examinations.

In Mexico there are 8000 public schools with an appropriation of \$3,500,000 per annum. There are ten national colleges and technical schools. The National Library contains about 170,000 volumes.

Francis T. Palgrave, M. A., L. D., editor of "The Golden Treasury" died a month ago in London.

At the University of Chicago the attendance of undergraduates in three years (1894-97) has increased from 712 to 959; in the Graduate schools from 534 to 767, and in the Divinity school from 281 to 329. Of the total number (2,055) enrolled in 1896-97, the Middle States (not including Illinois) each 8 per cent. The Eastern states 7 per cent; and Illinois 43 per cent. The only states not represented on its roll were Delaware, Florida and Nebraska.

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received a fresh barrel of coco Kandy Kitchen.

Ralphine Armstrong is visit- cousin, Miss Olivia Armstrong, gnolia street.

B. B. Ross represented the "day Club" at the Convention "oman's Clubs" held in Birming- last week.

at can be more sublime than gnity with which the post grad- "professors" now preside over nations?

received at Jackson's, a fresh y of Sparrow's chocolate.

Miss Ella Lupton has returned from a visit of several weeks to ville and Birmingham.

G. B. Philips, 1900, of Colum- Ga., was initiated into the Kappa a Fraternity Friday night, Dec.

Don't forget Jackson's dray, when off for Xmas holidays.

Major Culver, Commissioner of Ag- ture, was in Auburn last week to ad a meeting of the trustees of the eriment Station.

Miss Thompson of Nashville is ing Miss Ella Lupton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hair left last ay for Los Cruces, New Mexico, ere they expect to spend the winter he benefit of Mr. Hair's health.

ust received at Jackson's a fine e of imported teas.

Mr. W. B. McKenzie, 1900, joined Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity last ek.

Dr. C. H. Ross, Secretary and easurer of the S. I. A. A., went to mingham Friday to attend a meet- of the executive officers of the as- ciation.

Miss Mary Drake is at home from ollege Park for the holidays.

Apples, oranges, and bananas at andy Kitchen.

The post-graduate examinations ere finished Tuesday, Dec. 14, and ch "Dr." now has a smiling counte- nce, having heard that all passed.

Pres. Dabney of the University of ennessee was in Auburn last week a visit to his parents Dr. and Mrs. L. Dabney.

Just received a fresh supply of rai- ns and nuts at Jackson's.

"Snap" Collins has sufficiently re- overed from his recent illness to re- turn to his home in Hale county.

Citizens and cadets will please ave their orders at Jackson's for raying, he will have it attended to promptly.

Don't wait for the Business Man- ager to come to you, but come to him with your subscription.

Ed Joseph and Buford Hobdy claim o have the bicycle record from Ope- lika to Auburn. The time was some- thing remarkable and if we did not know their propensity for telling the truth, we would be inclined to doubt it.

We are in the midst of term exami- nations, and everybody is hard at work.

A certain senior classman who prides himself on his acute powers of observation, calls himself Shylock Holmes.

Cliff Stewart says that Burton's dates are the finest he has ever tasted.

Pay for your "Orange and Blue" before going home for Xmas.

There is some dreadful epidemic among the turkeys around Auburn, and they are disappearing in very large numbers.

Misses Elizabeth and Caroline Merrick left Thursday afternoon for Montgomery. They will go from there to New Orleans, where they will spend the winter.

Prof. O. D. Smith left Thursday to attend the Methodist Conference at Union Springs. He is one of the four delegates from this district.

Mr. Jno. A. Wills is with his Au- burn friends again. He has been studying law in Tennessee and Mis- sissippi.

A fresh line of cakes just received at Kandy Kitchen.

Dr. and Mrs. P. H. Mell are at- tending the Baptist State Convention at Birmingham.

There will be a dance on the night of December 23rd. Some of the boys don't seem to be in such a hurry to get away. Can anybody guess why?

Don't forget Jackson's dray, he has a fast team, and you will not miss the train.

J. L. Glenn, who has been pursu- ing a post-graduate course, has resigned college and returned to his home in Greenville. Bear- ing in mind the many times that "Blondy" has battled for Old Auburn on the gridiron, we greatly regret his departure and extend the best wishes for his future success.

We are glad to note the recovery of Mr. W. C. Jackson, from his recent severe attack of fever. He has been confined to his room for three weeks, narrowly escaping typhoid fever.

We note with pleasure the an- nouncement of the marriage on Dec. 22, of Miss Lula Moore of this place and Mr. W. M. Riggs, now of Clemson College, S. C. Both of these young people have been intimately associated with College Social life, and are held in high esteem by the boys. Miss Lula has been a prime favorite in society, in college concerts, the church choir, etc., and will be sadly missed. "Squire" Riggs we all love. He was a sport of the first class, full of sand as a player on the Varsity eleven, musical to the back-bone, full of enthusiasm in promoting every form of college life:—a jolly good fellow. He was one of the Orange and Blue staff and we give him three cheers and a tiger.

Professor Thach reports a most pleasant visit to Dadeville last week, where, upon invitation from Profs. Holstine and Lane, two old Auburn men, he delivered a lecture on "London and Rural England." He was greeted by an appreciative audience of about 500, who togeth- er with Profs. Lane and Holstein have made Prof. Thach an eloquent admirer of Dadeville's hospitality.

Jackson still leads on hot choco- late.

We notice the marriage of Dr. Geo. H. Price '78, who holds the chair in the medical faculty of Van- derbilt.

Miss Allis Daly of Birmingham is visiting Miss Tallulah Gachet on Gay street.

It seems that if an Auburn diplo- ma guarantees nothing else, it will guarantee a charming wife. The following incident is related by Prof. Thach, as having occurred while en route home from Dade- ville. "I had just boarded the train and having arranged myself com- fortably, began to cast my eyes around the car to see if there was any one whom I knew, when whom should I see but our veteran football man of Auburn's 1st Pha- land, Jesse Cu ver '92, who seemed to be as happy as a basket of chips. Calling me over he introduced me to his winsome bride, formerly Miss Reed of Collinsville, Ala., a beautiful young lady, as fresh and

fair as a mountain daisy." Mr. Culver is route agent on the Ala- bama Southern railroad and he and his bride are now spending a short honeymoon at the residence of Mr. T. U. Culver on College avenue.

Fire.

Auburn with her usual determi- nation to be outdone by no other town of her size in the South,—not even in the matter of fires,—has be- gun to forge ahead in that respect. Last Wednesday night about eleven o'clock the citizens and students of the town were alarmed to see a huge fire blazing right in the heart of the City. The whole town was soon out "en masse", ready to lend a helping hand to extinguish the flames. The conflagration, how- ever proved to be a large pile of goods boxes thoroughly saturated with kerosene. It is not known who did this, but is thought to have been perpetrated by the "small boys of the town". The next evening about 5:30 o'clock we had a fire that was "no joke." A two room out-house in the yard of Mrs. Col- lins was burned to the ground, and but for the timely arrival of the College boys and the town fire company Mrs. Collins' two story residence would surely have been burned.

The University of California has instituted a training table of scien- tifically prepared diet, and the re- sults are being carefully noted.

The highest salary of any col- lege professor is \$20,000. Prof. Summer, of Edinburgh University, receives this amount.

100,000 is the number of men in the American college Greek let- ter fraternities.

Cornell has a different style of "C" for each of the four divisions of athletics—football, baseball, rowing and track athletics.

Yale's musical club will go as far South as New Orleans on their Christmas trip.

Harvard has graduated more than any other college in America, the number of her alumni being 17,684. Yale stands next, with 16,765 graduates. The universities of Pennsylvania and Michigan each have over 10,000.

The University of Chicago has been voted several millions for the construction of new buildings, to be built of gray stone.

Sugar and Muscular Exertion.

It is a fact well known to Alpine tourists that on difficult climbing ex- cursions an increased desire is felt for the consumption of sweets and sweet- ened foods, and many who never touch such things at home devour large quantities of them on these tours. It is also frequently remarked how eagerly the guides appropriate any sugar that may be left over and consume it en route. At the instiga- tion of the Prussian War Office, in- vestigations have recently been made by means of a special apparatus into the question whether the consump- tion of small quantities of sugar ren- dered the tired muscles capable of renewed exertion. In order to obtain a practical result, the person who was made the subject of the experiment was kept totally ignorant of the object of the experimenters. On one day a sweet liquid was administered con- taining thirty grammes of sugar, on the next day a similar liquid contain- ing a sufficient amount of saccharin to render it indistinguishable from the other as regarded taste. When a very large amount of muscular work had

been performed, it was found that a greater quantity of work could be got through on the days when the sugar was given than on the days when saccharin was given. The system had become very poor in sugar, in conse- quence of the severe muscular effort which had previously been gone through, and hence the administra- tion of a comparatively small quantity of sugar had the effect of producing increased capability for work.—Eng- lish Mechanic.

Hodgenville Herald: A few days ago Dr. W. H. Brosman, of Albion, Ill., wrote to Gov. Bradley asking him to send him a piece of wood from Kentucky. The doctor states that he is preparing to have made a histor- ical cane, to exhibit during next year at the Trans-Mississippi exhibition, to be held at Omaha. The cane he proposes to have made out of small pieces of wood sent him—one from each Governor in the United States.

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Track Athletics.

Now that football is over and before the baseball season sets in, it would be a good idea to turn our attention toward the development of our track athletics. After the holidays the weather will be ideal for such work, and there will be nothing else much in the line of sports to take the attention of our athletes. It may be said by some that it is unnecessary to start so early, but those familiar with field-day achievements know that it is not only advisable, but absolutely essential to success, to begin training early. In fact, there is no better exemplification of the apothegm—"Practice makes perfect," than in the development of sprinters, hurdlers and jumpers. In the long runs, especially of 880 yards and the mile, if a man has a good physical constitution he can by practice, develop his muscles and wind, and become a formidable adversary on the Southern track. For proof of this I point to Harvey, Auburn's champion who, for two years has held the Southern record for the mile.

Another point in favor of a man adopting this branch of athletics, is, that, superlatively more than in either football or baseball, the honors that he gains are individual, the glory is his undivided own; he does not share with eleven or nine other men the credit of a triumph, but bears off the palm alone.

It has been argued by those logically inclined, that if Auburn is represented by a track team, we run the risk of incurring financial loss without reaping any reward in the way of fame and honors. These dissidents forget that for two years Auburn has ranked third in relative standing, holding two Southern championships at the present time.

As regards the risk of financial loss, the meeting will be held next May in Atlanta, and owing to the great popularity of athletics in that city, there is no doubt but that this year it will be a paying venture. Also, owing to our close proximity to the point of meeting, we will be enabled to send a full quota of men, and will stand a much better chance of capturing first prize than we have stood in previous years.

In conclusion let me again repeat the necessity of immediate action in this important matter. Let a captain and manager be chosen, and those desiring to join the team, give their names to these officers. Let these men assemble at regular intervals and practice both on the field and in the gymnasium. If this is done it will insure the making of some new college records at our next regular field day, and a powerful representation for Auburn at the big Southern meet.

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One must own his books to do it. Scribbling in other people's books, even those of a library, is a nuisance. Owning the books—here is a hint or two:

A clear mental grasp must precede any helpful marking. Skimming may do for some purposes, but will not leave much in the brain of the man who does it. Look first for ideas. They are more important than words. Words are the pipes through which the refreshing waters of thought flow from the author's mind to your own. The water is more than the pipe which brings it. If the ideas in his

brain are valuable, and he uses words of the right kind, the communication is complete. Mark the idea. Drawing lines underneath will help to make it prominent if you have occasion to look it up afterwards. In seeking for ideas think whether they confirm your own or differ from them. Have you seen the same thought expressed elsewhere? If so locate the place and make a note on the page referring to it. Distinguish between facts and opinions, between proved and assumed facts. Your reading should be stimulating to your own thought, and that thought must not be a mere echo of what the author says.

Some books are intended to show the beauties of language. They appeal to the artistic instinct. In them you are to look for perfection of form. When such beauty is found, mark it! If a noble idea is cast in a perfect mould of words, commit it to memory; it will serve you well in conversation, writing, or public speech.

When a book is finished go over it hastily again. See where you have marked it, and why. If you have done it well, you will discover that the marked passages will give a synopsis of the book. Marking with a pencil is valuable only as it stimulates close mental application and absorption. This is difficult at first, but may become habitual. Brains and fingers must work together.

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Friday night, December the second the N. T. Lupton Conversation Club celebrated its tenth anniversary with befitting ceremonies. The spacious parlors of Dr. and Mrs. P. H. Mell were filled to overflowing and those who were so unfortunate as to be absent missed one of the most enjoyable occasions of the season. The exercises were opened by the College orchestra under the efficient directions of Dr. J. H. Drake. Their selections were encored again and again. President Thach in a few well-chosen words introduced the historian Dr. Chas. H. Ross who in a brief talk gave the history of the past ten years of the club's existence its growth and membership, closing with a beautiful tribute to Dr. Lupton and his daughter Mrs. Kate Wilkerson the founders of the club, both of whom are away forever.

The influence of the club on the social and literary life of Auburn was touched on by the president in his usual masterly way. Always interesting and instructive his words sank deep into the hearts of his listeners and more forcibly than ever did they realize the great good which may be derived from this organization.

Mr. R. W. Burton's poem "Verses which would not rhyme" excited much merriment so strikingly original was its conception and pure its expression. Owing to Mr. Burton's unavoidable absence Dr. Ross read the verses in his usual agreeable manner.

The "Tin Wedding" of the Club already interesting to all under Dr. Petrie's magnetic touch became an event never to be forgotten by its members. His paper overflowing with bright and good things made a decided impression without doubt. Set many Auburn's bachelors—and bachelor-girls—to thinking. The club, he said, as a matrimonial agency was far superior to Auburn's match-making ladies and that the number of marriages each year, among its

members was directly proportional to the square of the distance walked by each couple. The club unanimously voiced its hearty approval of all he said.

The singing of Miss Carrie Samford of Opelika was much enjoyed. Miss Samford has a very sweet voice and her enunciation is singularly clear and distinct.

In conclusion the club all united in singing "Auld Lang Syne," and reluctantly bade good night to their hospitable host and hostess all joining in the wish the club may enjoy many such anniversaries and that each be as enjoyable as its tenth.

Plant Growth and Disease.

The above is the title of a lecture delivered in the chapel last Friday night, Dec. 10, by Prof. F. S. Earle. The weather being very inclement, the audience was not so large as usual, but all who attended express themselves as not only having spent a most enjoyable evening, but as having learned much that would be of future good to them. Prof. Earle's lectures are always of a highly practical nature, and he has the happy faculty of so stripping scientific points of their obscurity as to make them plain to the most uninitiated.

Seven leading Western foot-ball captains met after the Thanksgiving games and determined to reform foot-ball rules, abolish Mass plays and eliminate other dangerous features of the game.

Yale is endeavoring to arrange a triangular boat race with Cornell and Harvard.

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